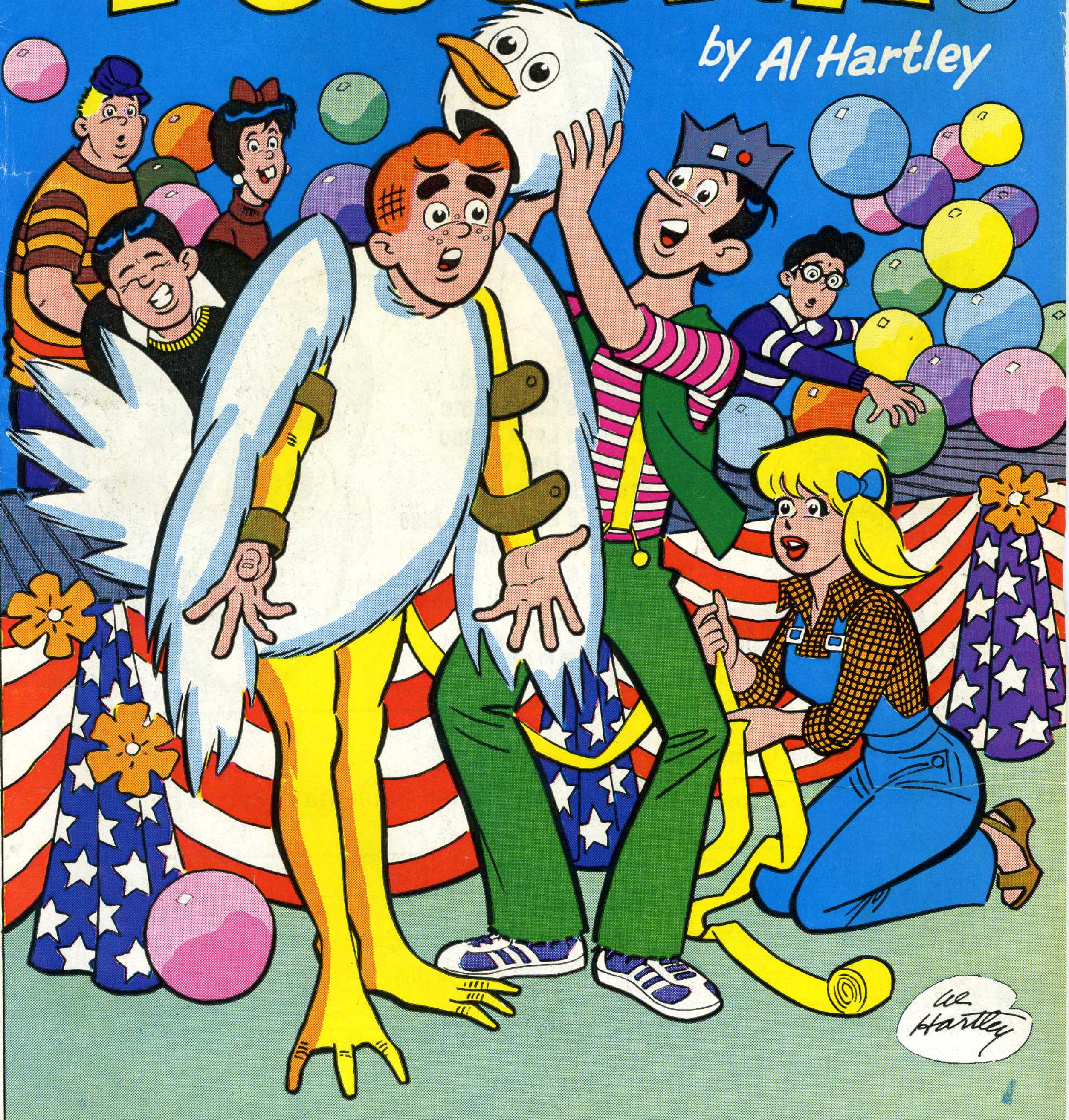
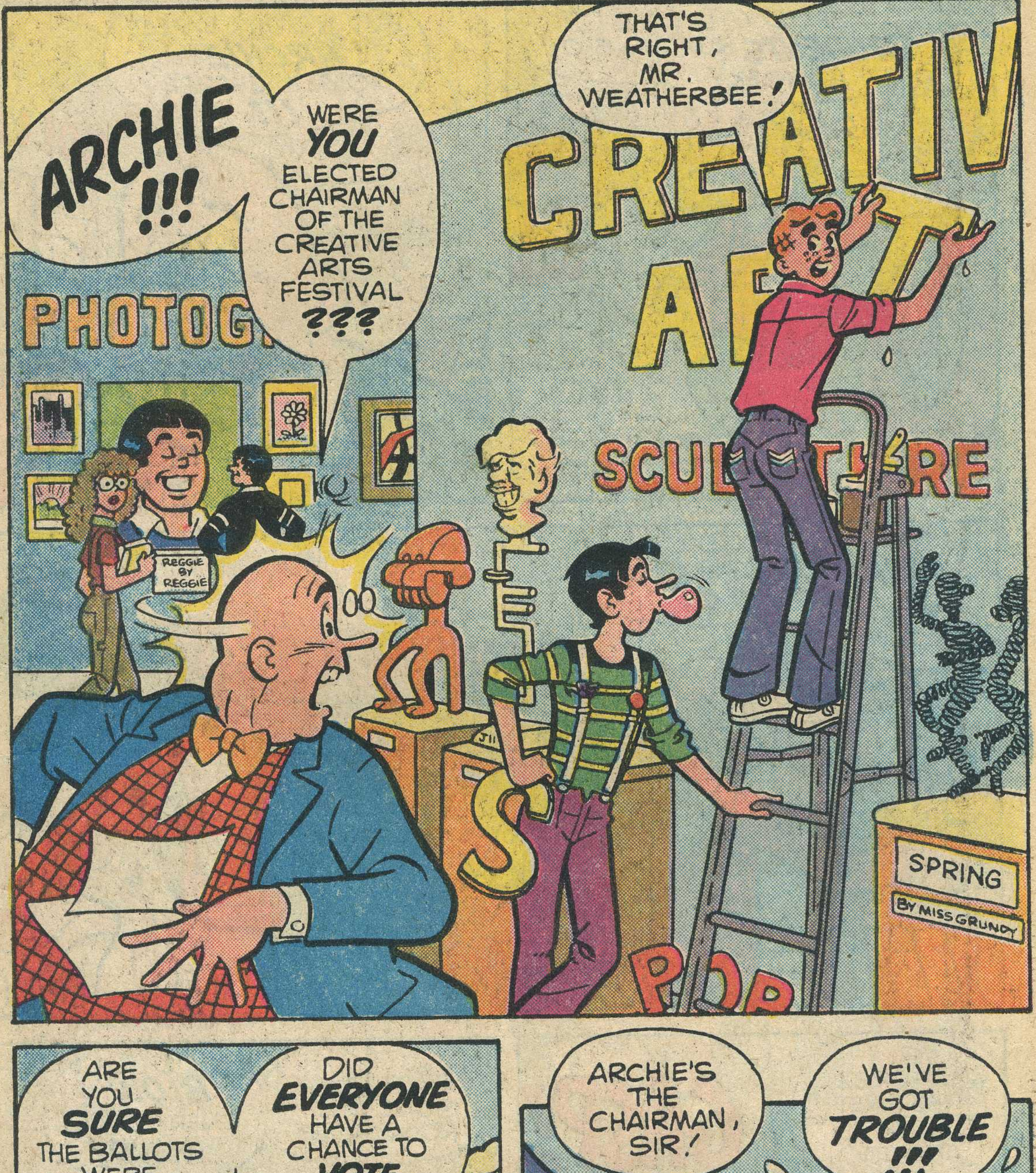
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Archie's Festival

by Al Hartley



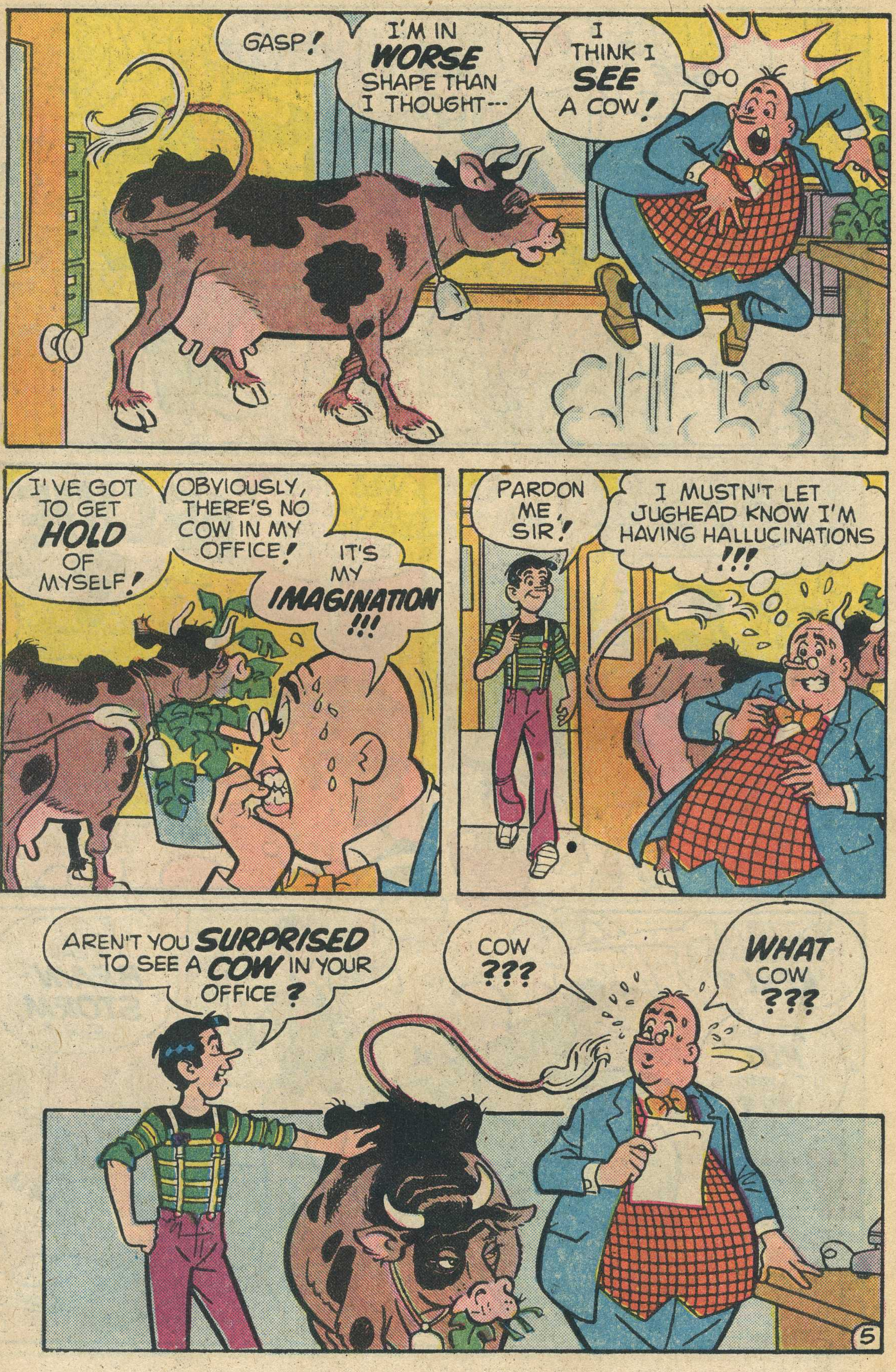


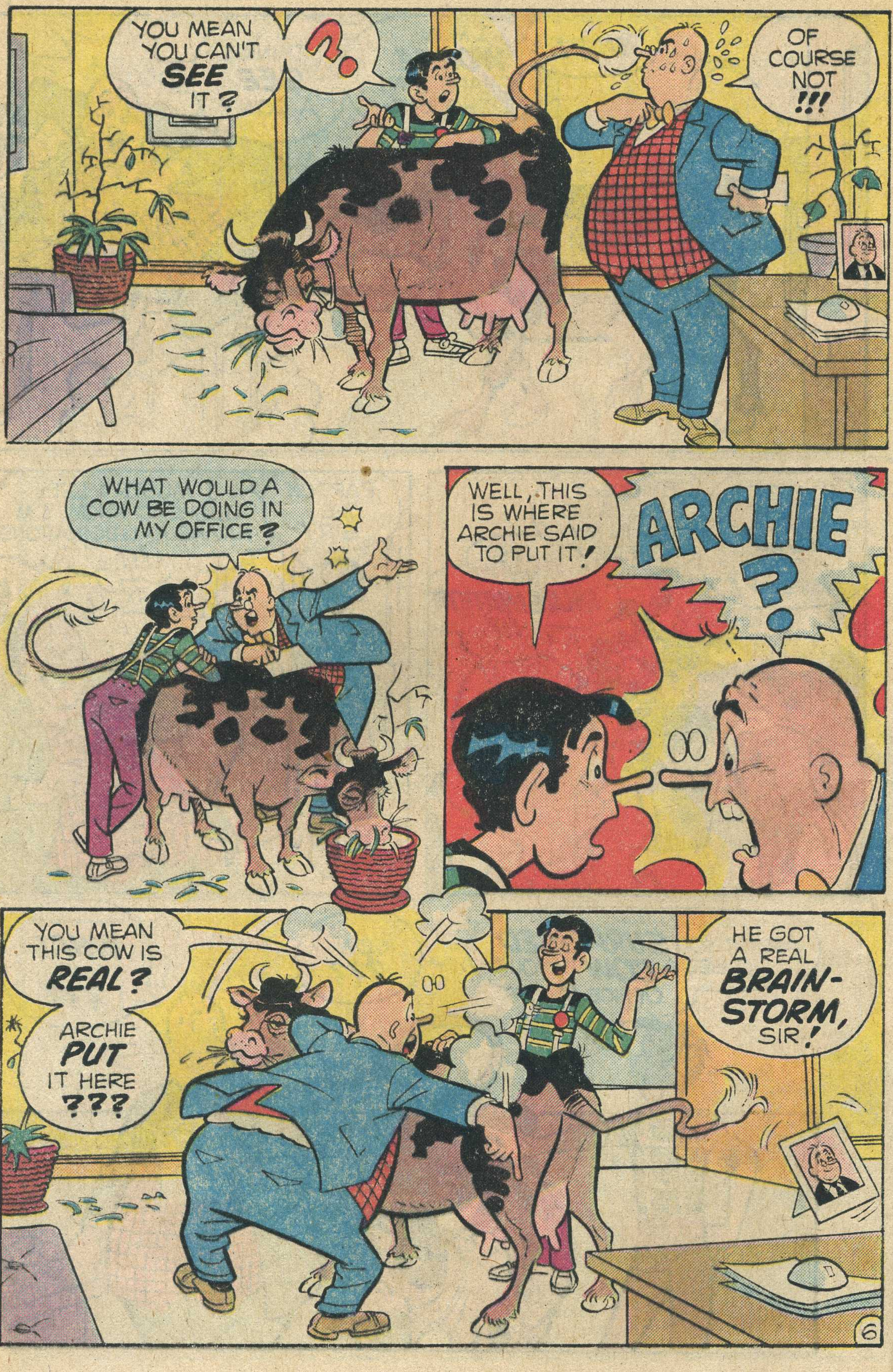
ARCHIE !!!
WERE YOU ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL ???
THAT'S RIGHT, MR. WEATHERBEE!
CREATIV
ART
PHOTOG
SCUL RE
REGGIE BY REGGIE
SPRING
BY MISS GRUNDY
ARE YOU SURE THE BALLOTS WERE COUNTED PROPERLY ???
DID EVERYONE HAVE A CHANCE TO VOTE ???
ARCHIE'S THE CHAIRMAN, SIR!
WE'VE GOT TROUBLE !!!

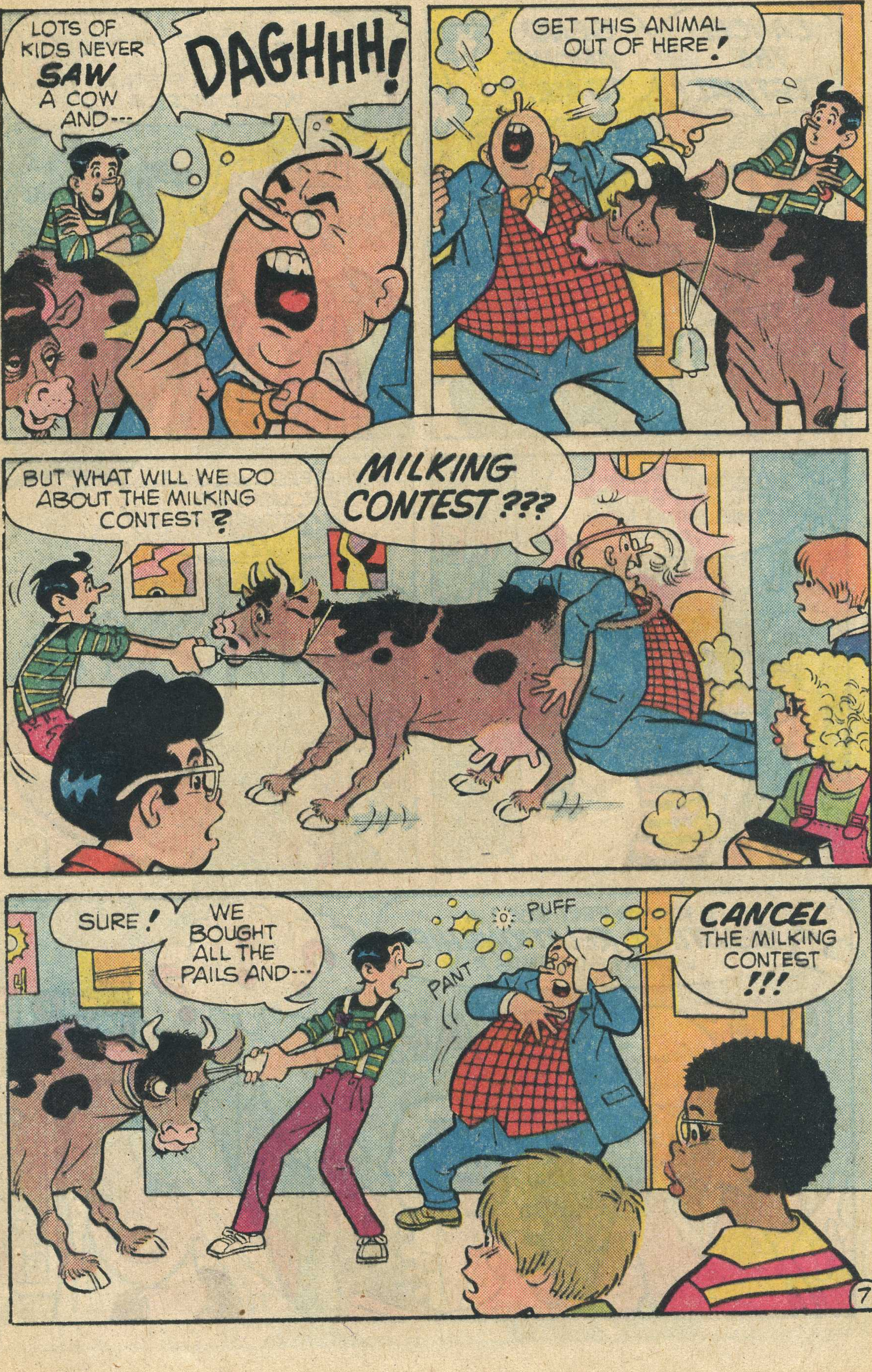

POP ART
I AGREED TO LET THE STUDENTS RUN THIS SHOW ALL WEEK!
BUT I DIDN'T EXPECT ARCHIE TO BE IN CHARGE !!!
NEEDLE-POINT
COLLA
WHY DON'T YOU STOP WORRYING AND ENJOY YOURSELF?
EVERYBODY ELSE IS !!!
ABSTRACT ART
MR. WEATHERBEE THE FIRST CONCERT IS ABOUT TO BEGIN!
GASP!
IT'S PROBABLY SOME WILD ROCK GROUP...
TO BLOW EVERYBODY'S MIND!
2


I CAN'T LOOK !!!
TWEET
OOMPA
SPRONK
SQUEEE
THIS IS A DISASTER !!!
Archie's FESTIVAL
SQUEEK!
BLOOP!
AND IT'S GOING TO GET WORSE !!!
FESTIVAL SCHEDULE
MON.
TUES.
WED.
THURS.
FRI.
MUSIC
3


THEY LOVED US!
DID YOU HEAR THE APPLAUSE ???
FORGET IT!
THE HANDWRITING IS ON THE WALL!
FESTIVAL SCHEDULE
MON
TUES
I'LL GO TO MY OFFICE TO GET READY TO TAKE OVER---
---WHEN THINGS GET OUT OF CONTROL !!!
POP ART
MOOOOO
:GROAN: DEALING WITH ARCHIE ALL THESE YEARS HAS TAKEN ITS TOLL---
I'M HEARING THINGS!
PRINCIPAL
MR. WEATHERBEE
MOOOOOOO
PRINCIPAL
IT SOUNDS LIKE A COW !!!
4


GASP!
I'M IN WORSE SHAPE THAN I THOUGHT---
I THINK I SEE A COW!
I'VE GOT TO GET HOLD OF MYSELF!
OBVIOUSLY, THERE'S NO COW IN MY OFFICE!
IT'S MY IMAGINATION!!!
PARDON ME, SIR!
I MUSTN'T LET JUGHEAD KNOW I'M HAVING HALLUCINATIONS!!!
AREN'T YOU SURPRISED TO SEE A COW IN YOUR OFFICE?
COW???
WHAT COW???
5

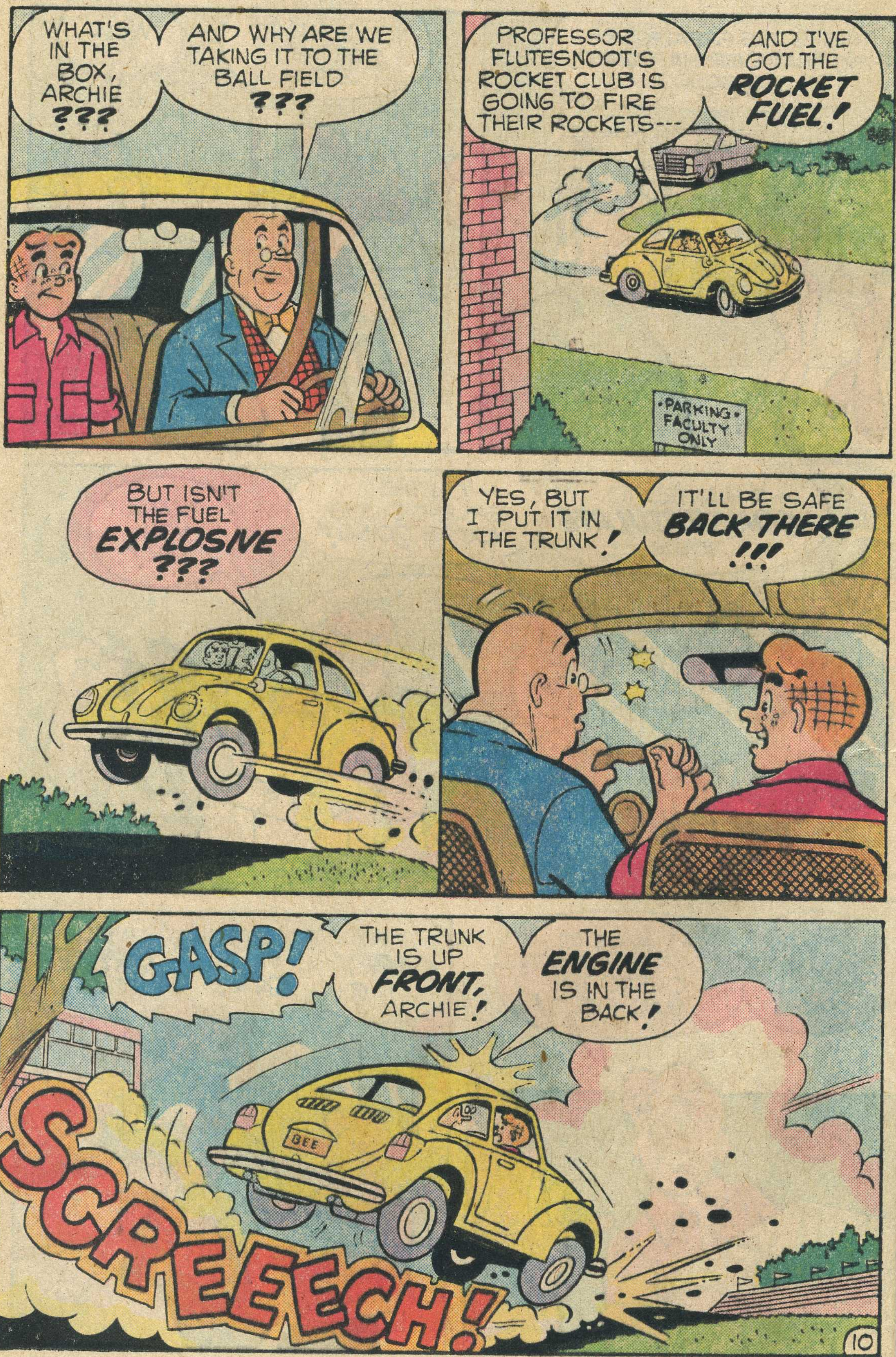

YOU MEAN YOU CAN'T SEE IT?
?
OF COURSE NOT!!!
WHAT WOULD A COW BE DOING IN MY OFFICE?
WELL, THIS IS WHERE ARCHIE SAID TO PUT IT!
ARCHIE?
YOU MEAN THIS COW IS REAL?
ARCHIE PUT IT HERE???
HE GOT A REAL BRAIN-STORM, SIR!
6


LOTS OF KIDS NEVER SAW A COW AND---
DAGHHH!
GET THIS ANIMAL OUT OF HERE!
BUT WHAT WILL WE DO ABOUT THE MILKING CONTEST?
MILKING CONTEST???
SURE!
WE BOUGHT ALL THE PAILS AND---
PUFF
PANT
CANCEL THE MILKING CONTEST !!!
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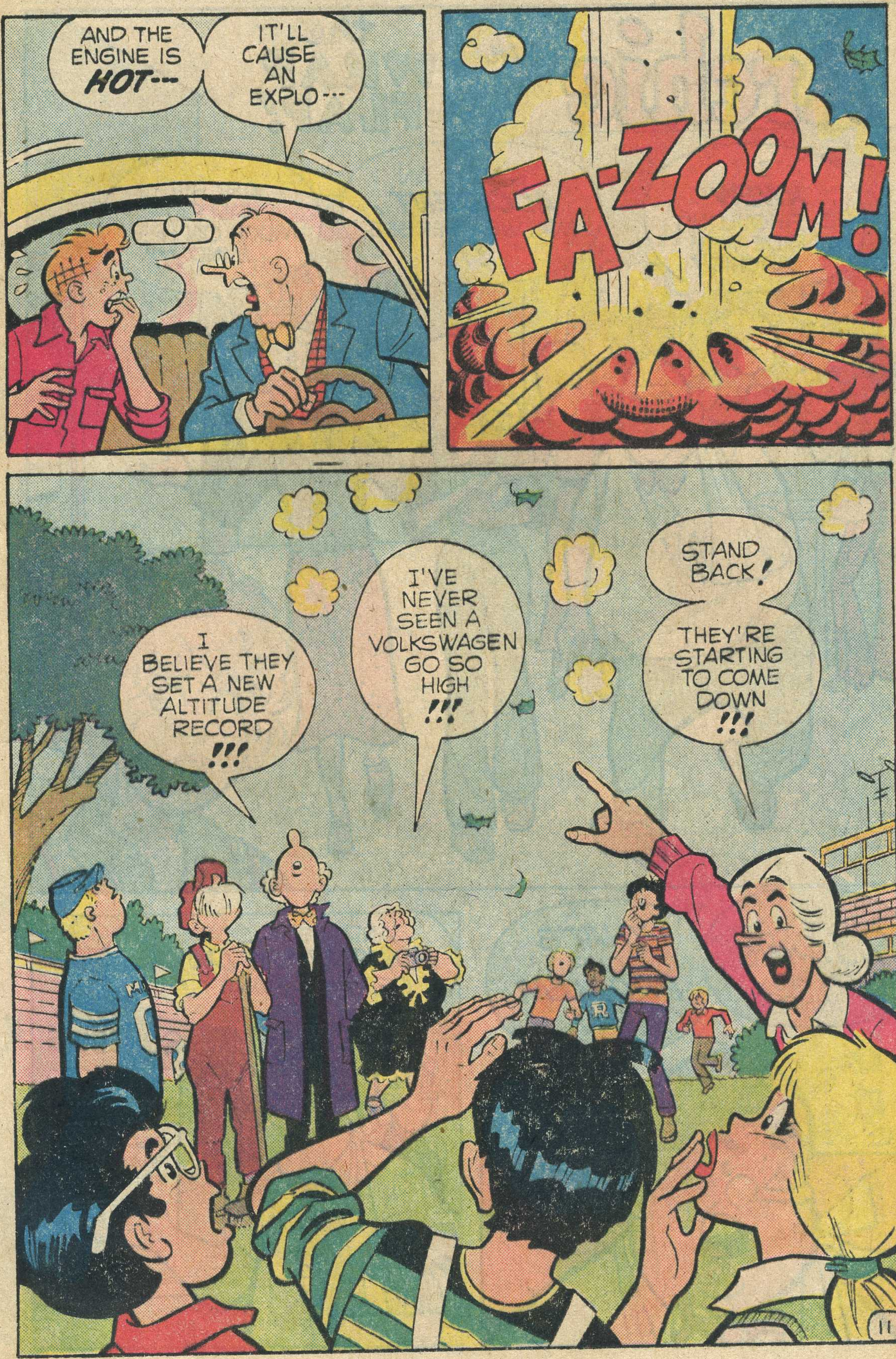


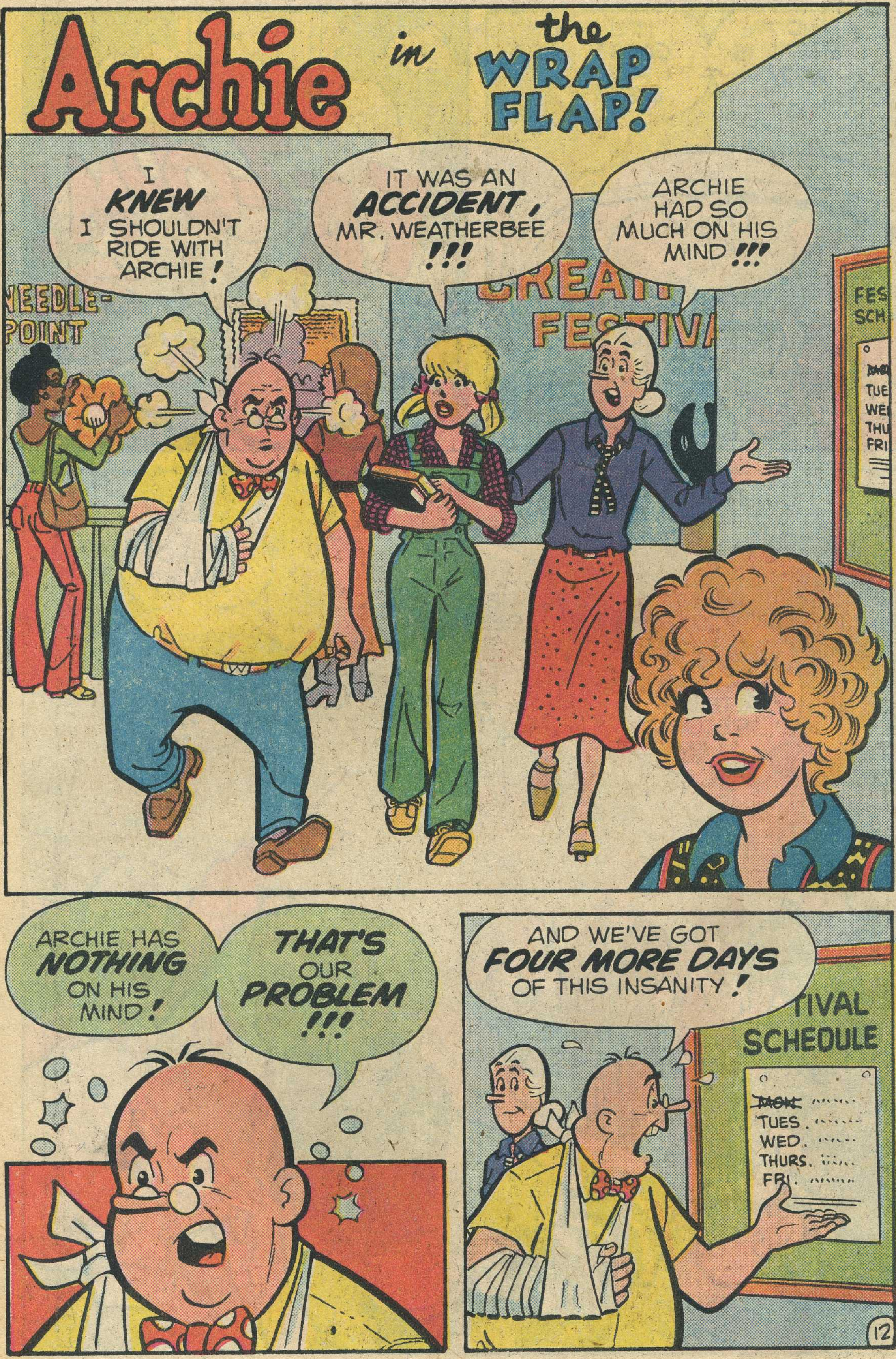
CANCEL THE FESTIVAL!
SEND ARCHIE TO ME!!!
I WAS A FOOL TO THINK THE FESTIVAL WOULD WORK!
JAZZ
MAN, I REALLY FEEL A PART OF THIS THING NOW !!!
THE FESTIVAL HAS BROUGHT US ALL TOGETHER !!!
I NEVER FELT SUCH A BEAUTIFUL RELATIONSHIP WITH MY STUDENTS!
?!?
CRE VE ARTS


THIS IS THE GREATEST THING THAT EVER HAPPENED TO OUR SCHOOL!
YOU WANT TO SEE ME, SIR?
WELL, I---
NEEDLE-POINT
---I WANTED TO CONGRATULATE YOU---
---ON THE SPLENDID JOB YOU'RE DOING!
THANK YOU, SIR!
NOW IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME---
---I HAVE TO CARRY THIS BOX OUT TO THE BALL FIELD!
WHY CARRY IT?
PUT IT IN MY CAR!
WE'LL DRIVE IT OUT!
9



WHAT'S IN THE BOX, ARCHIE ???
AND WHY ARE WE TAKING IT TO THE BALL FIELD ???
PROFESSOR FLUTESNOOT'S ROCKET CLUB IS GOING TO FIRE THEIR ROCKETS---
AND I'VE GOT THE ROCKET FUEL!
PARKING FACULTY ONLY
BUT ISN'T THE FUEL EXPLOSIVE ???
YES, BUT I PUT IT IN THE TRUNK!
IT'LL BE SAFE BACK THERE !!!
GASP!
THE TRUNK IS UP FRONT, ARCHIE!
THE ENGINE IS IN THE BACK!
BEE
SCREEECH!
10

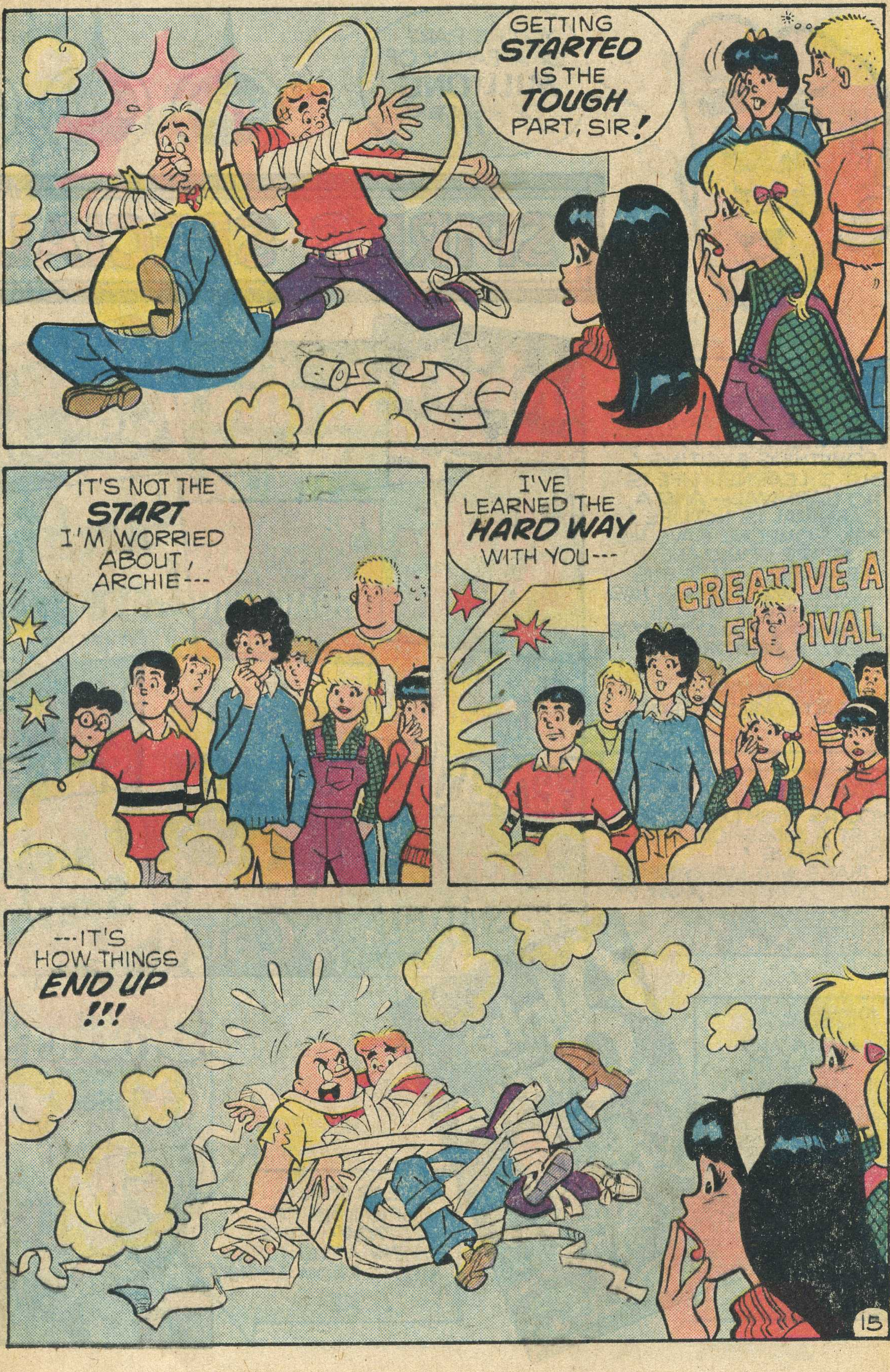

AND THE ENGINE IS HOT---
IT'LL CAUSE AN EXPLO---
FA-ZOOM!
I BELIEVE THEY SET A NEW ALTITUDE RECORD !!!
I'VE NEVER SEEN A VOLKSWAGEN GO SO HIGH !!!
STAND BACK!
THEY'RE STARTING TO COME DOWN !!!
11



Archie in the WRAP FLAP!
I KNEW I SHOULDN'T RIDE WITH ARCHIE!
IT WAS AN ACCIDENT, MR. WEATHERBEE!!!
ARCHIE HAD SO MUCH ON HIS MIND!!!
NEEDLE-POINT
ARCHIE HAS NOTHING ON HIS MIND!
THAT'S OUR PROBLEM!!!
AND WE'VE GOT FOUR MORE DAYS OF THIS INSANITY!
TIVAL SCHEDULE
MON.
TUES.
WED.
THURS.
FRI.
12


LOOK AT ALL THE OTHER CASUALTIES!
OH, THEY'RE NOT HURT, SIR!
ARCHIE'S JUST CONDUCTING A FIRST AID SEMINAR!!!
HE'S TEACHING THEM HOW TO BANDAGE---
---IN CASE WE EVER HAVE AN EMERGENCY!!!
WELL, WHAT DO YOU THINK THIS IS?
ARCHIE MAY BLOW UP THE WHOLE SCHOOL!
LET ME PUT A FRESH BANDAGE ON YOUR ARM, SIR!
FIRST AID


NO THANKS, ARCHIE !!!
IT'LL ONLY TAKE A MINUTE, SIR !!!
FIRST, I'LL CUT OFF YOUR OLD BANDAGE !!!
SNIP!
GASP!
YOU CUT MY SHIRT !!!
NOW YOU'RE BANDAGING THE WRONG ARM !!!
14


GETTING **STARTED** IS THE **TOUGH** PART, SIR!
IT'S NOT THE **START** I'M WORRIED ABOUT, ARCHIE---
I'VE LEARNED THE **HARD WAY** WITH YOU---
CREATIVE A
FE IVAL
---IT'S HOW THINGS **END UP** !!!
15


YOU'RE PART OF A FAMILY OF MILLIONS OF READERS !!!
SPIRE
SPIRE
SPIRE'S SPECIAL
DEAR AL: I RAN AWAY FROM HOME AND JOINED A CARNIVAL! I WANTED TO BE PART OF SOMETHING EXCITING! BUT I LEARNED LIFE IS NO CARNIVAL-- AND A CARNIVAL IS NO LIFE! THEN SOMEONE GAVE ME A SPIRE COMIC AND I LEARNED THAT JESUS LOVES ME! JESUS HAS GIVEN ME A WHOLE NEW LIFE! AND THAT'S REALLY EXCITING!!!
KEN W. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH
DEAR KEN: YOU'RE RIGHT! LIFE IS JUST A SIDESHOW WITHOUT JESUS! THAT'S WHY EVERY SPIRE COMIC POINTS TO HIM!!!
al
Archie's Family Album
Archie's World
Archie's CLEAN SLATE!
Archie Parable
Archie SOMETHIN ELSE!
Archie's Love Scene
Archie Gets a Job!
Archie's ONE WAY
Jughead Soul Foo
Archie's Festival
Archie's Car
Archie's Sonshin
Alpha and Omega
ADVENTURE!
Brothers
DEAR AL: ALPHA AND OMEGA IS LOADED WITH ACTION AND IMAGINATION! I THINK IT'S THE MOST EXCITING SPIRE COMIC!
PHIL B. ALBANY, GA.
DEAR PHIL: SPEAKING OF ACTION---HERE'S A NEW ADVENTURE COMIC FROM SPIRE!
al



SPIRE
SPIRE
HERE'S NEWS OF WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE FAMILY !!!
SUPER SECTION!
DEAR AL: I'M COLLECTING ALL THE ARCHIE COMICS IN THE SPIRE SERIES! I'VE GOT EIGHT BOOKS! HOW MANY HAVE YOU DONE ??? MYRON S. OAK PARK, ILL.
DEAR AL: DO YOU HAVE A COMIC I CAN READ TO MY YOUNG CHILDREN ??? MARTHA K. NORFOLK, VA.
DEAR MARTHA: YOUR CHILDREN WILL LOVE OUR BARNEY BEAR SERIES! ADULTS LOVE BARNEY, TOO! AL
KIDDIES CHRISTIAN COMICS
Barney Bear
HOME PLATE!
by Al Hartley
DEAR MYRON! TWELVE! AND HERE THEY ARE !!! AL
KIDDIES CHRISTIAN COMICS
Barney Bear
LOST AND FOUND!
KIDDIES CHRISTIAN COMICS
Barney Bear
WAKES UP!
DEAR AL: YOUR COMIC PAUL HELPED ME TO UNDERSTAND THE BIBLE! MORE THAT? DO YOU HAVE COMICS LIKE ROSE D. SALEM, MASS.
ADAM & EVE
SPIRE
Jesus
by Al Hartley
DEAR ROSE: THESE COMICS ARE BASED ON BIBLE STORIES! AL
PAUL
AND HERE IS THE MASTERWORK OF THE SPIRE COMIC SERIES! A BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED ACCOUNT OF THE GREATEST STORY EVER TOLD!!!

MISS BEAZLY in The REAL THING!




WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
WHAT ARE YOU GIVING AWAY???
GOD'S LOVE!
WE'RE SHARING TRUTH FROM THE BIBLE!
MANY STUDENTS DON'T REALIZE HOW MUCH GOD LOVES THEM!
AND THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE FANTASTIC PROMISES GOD MAKES TO US!
IT'S TRUE! I JOINED THE BIBLE CLUB A FEW WEEKS AGO--- AND MY WHOLE LIFE IS CHANGED!
CREATIVE A
FESTIVAL


I WAS INTO EVERYTHING BEFORE---
---AND I WAS MISERABLE!!!
BUT I FOUND ANSWERS HERE---
---AND STRENGTH---
AND REAL LOVE!!!
SO THAT'S WHY THE CROWDS ARE THERE!
BIBLE CLUB
MY PRODUCT IS FULL OF ADDITIVES---
AND ARTIFICIAL INGREDIENTS!!!
THEY'VE GOT THE REAL THING!!!
BIBLE CLUB
Jesus Christ
20

Archie's PRAYER PAGE!



MY SISTER IS INTO DRUGS AND MY FOLKS DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT! PLEASE PRAY THAT SHE'LL TURN TO JESUS AND KICK THE HABIT BEFORE SHE MESSES UP OUR WHOLE FAMILY!

BERNICE K.
BROOKLYN, N.Y.

I'VE GOT A BIG DECISION TO MAKE, AND I READ IN THE BIBLE THAT IF WE REALLY COMMIT OUR LIVES TO GOD, HE'LL ESTABLISH OUR THOUGHTS! PLEASE PRAY WITH ME THAT GOD WILL SHOW ME THE RIGHT CHOICE TO MAKE!

ART L.
POWELL, WYO.

HERE'S AN IDEA THAT HELPS ME WHEN I PRAY AND I WANT TO SHARE IT WITH YOU--- WHEN YOU PRAY, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

PRAISE
SURRENDER
ASK
LISTEN
MEDITATE

LORD BLESS YOU,
MERLE T.
LAKELAND, FLA.

I HAVE A FRIEND WHO SAYS I'M "TOO RELIGIOUS" BECAUSE I READ THE BIBLE! PLEASE PRAY FOR HIM! (HIS NAME IS HARVEY) I WAS JUST LIKE HARVEY TWO YEARS AGO, SO I UNDERSTAND HIM! HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT HE'S MISSING!!!

LOU W.
ENID, OKLA.

I'M A TEACHER, AND I NOTICE THAT MANY STUDENTS ARE LEARNING HOW MUCH GOD LOVES THEM, SINCE READING SPIRE COMICS! I PRAY THAT EVERYONE WHO READS THIS BOOK WILL RECEIVE A SPECIAL BLESSING FROM GOD, AND WILL WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR WONDERFUL CREATOR!

ED S.
TULARE, CAL.

I THANK GOD FOR ANSWERED PRAYER! SIX MONTHS AGO, I REALIZED I HAD A TERRIBLE TEMPER! I TRIED TO CONTROL IT BUT STILL BLEW MY STACK A LOT! THEN I BEGAN PRAYING--- AND THE LORD TOOK CARE OF MY PROBLEM! IT'S AMAZING WHAT JESUS DOES FOR US WHEN WE LET HIM!

JOAN F.
BELOIT, KANSAS

I JUST GOT OUT OF PRISON AND I'M GOING STRAIGHT! SOME BEAUTIFUL FOLKS CAME INTO MY PRISON EVERY WEEK AND HELD BIBLE-STUDY CLASSES! THEY BROUGHT SPIRE COMICS, TOO! PRAY FOR THOSE STILL IN PRISON! THEY NEED TO LET JESUS CHANGE THEIR LIVES!!!

FRANK R.
DETROIT, MICH.

I CAN'T GET ALONG WITH MY FOLKS! PRAY FOR ME AND FOR THEM, TOO! I WANT GOD TO BRING US TOGETHER!

EMILY S.
HOUSTON, TEX.

YOU WOULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT'S GOING ON WITH MY FRIENDS! WE USED TO MESS AROUND IN LOTS OF WAYS--- AND THEN WE GOT INTO SPIRE COMICS! THEN WE GOT INTO THE BIBLE AND NOW WE'RE ACTUALLY ***PRAYING*** TOGETHER! IT'S BEAUTIFUL! GOD BROUGHT US TOGETHER IN A SPECIAL WAY! WE ***TRUST*** EACH OTHER SO MUCH MORE --- AND WE TRUST ***OURSELVES*** MORE, TOO--- BECAUSE WE TRUSTED JESUS!!!

LYNN P. NEWARK, N.J.

THE LORD SAYS: "CALL TO ME AND I WILL ANSWER YOU AND SHOW YOU GREAT THINGS!"

SEE JEREMIAH 33:3


Archie in The FLOAT GOAT!
I MUST ADMIT ---
ARCHIE REALLY SURPRISED ME!
THIS FESTIVAL HAS BEEN GOOD FOR OUR SCHOOL !!!
PHO
REGGIE BY REGGIE
FESTIVA SCHEDU
MON
TUES
WED.
THURS.
FRI.
I KNEW YOU COULD DO IT, ARCHIE!
I'M SO PROUD YOU ASKED ME TO BE QUEEN OF THE GRAND PARADE!
GULP!
I FORGOT TO BUILD A FLOAT!!
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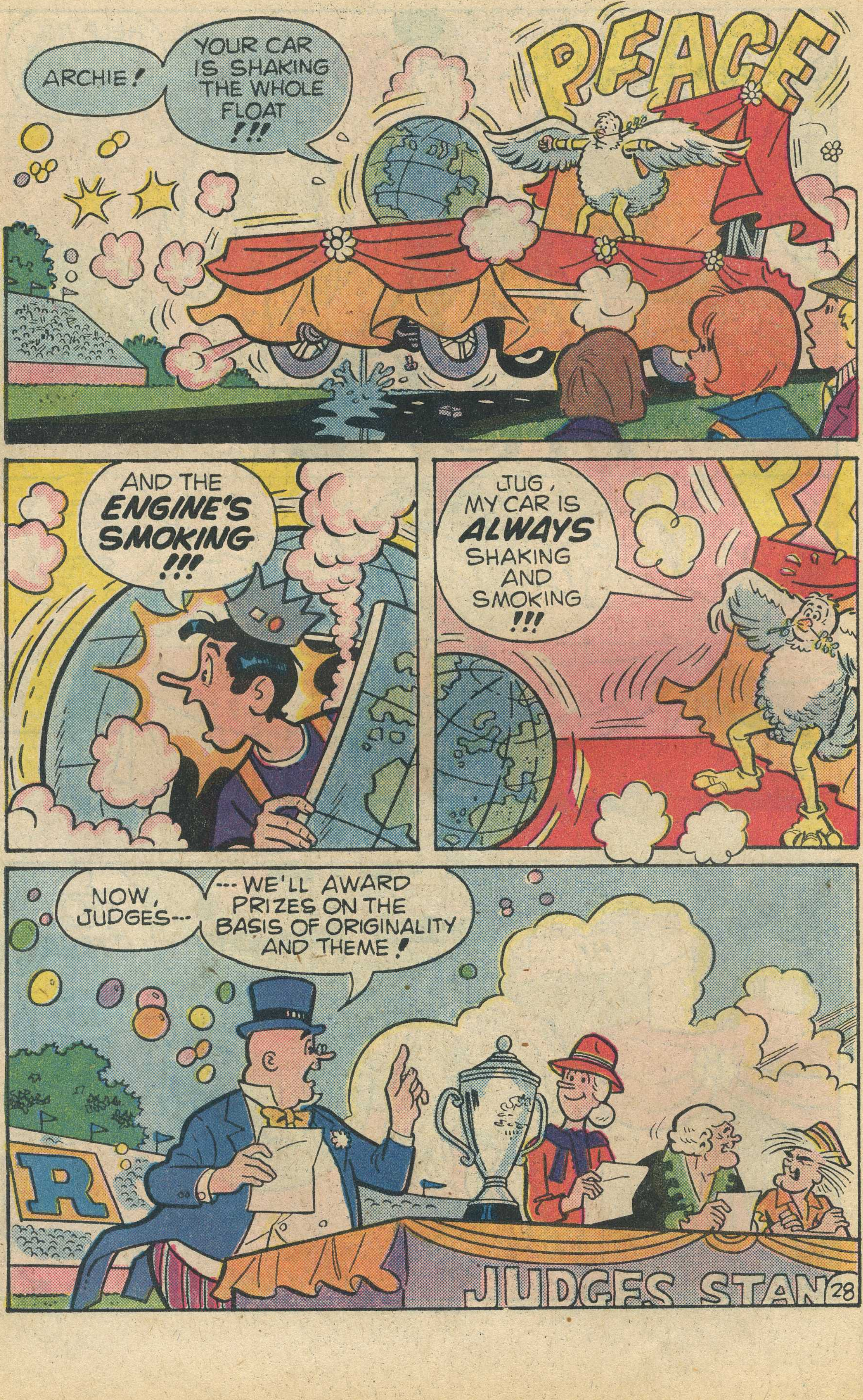

YOU FORGOT TO BUILD A FLOAT ???
FOR ME ???
THE QUEEN ???
WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO ? WALK ???
RONNIE, I---
I NEVER LET YOU DOWN, RONNIE!
YOU CAN BE QUEEN OF MY FLOAT!
CREATIVE ARTS FESTIVAL
WELL, I BLEW IT WITH RONNIE AGAIN!
POP AI
23


YOU SORT OF BLEW THE GRAND PARADE, TOO, ARCH!
THE CHAIRMAN SHOULD ENTER A FLOAT!
WELL, IT'S NOT TOO LATE!!!
WE CAN STILL BUILD ONE!!!
WE'LL NEED A THEME!!!
LET'S CALL IT PICNIC TIME---
---AND I CAN SIT ON THE FLOAT EATING FRIED CHICKEN!
SMAK
WE'RE NOT BUILDING A FLOAT TO WATCH YOU EAT!!!
WE CAN DO THAT ANYTIME!!!
24


AW, C'MON, ARCH--- JUST A LITTLE PIECE ---
PIECE ---
PEACE ---
SCULPTURE
I'VE GOT OUR THEME !!!
WE'LL NEED LUMBER---
FLOWERS---
CREPE PAPER---
AND A VEHICLE !!!
WE CAN USE MY CAR !!!
Archie's Car
BY THE WAY... BE SURE TO READ THIS HILARIOUS SPIRE COMIC !
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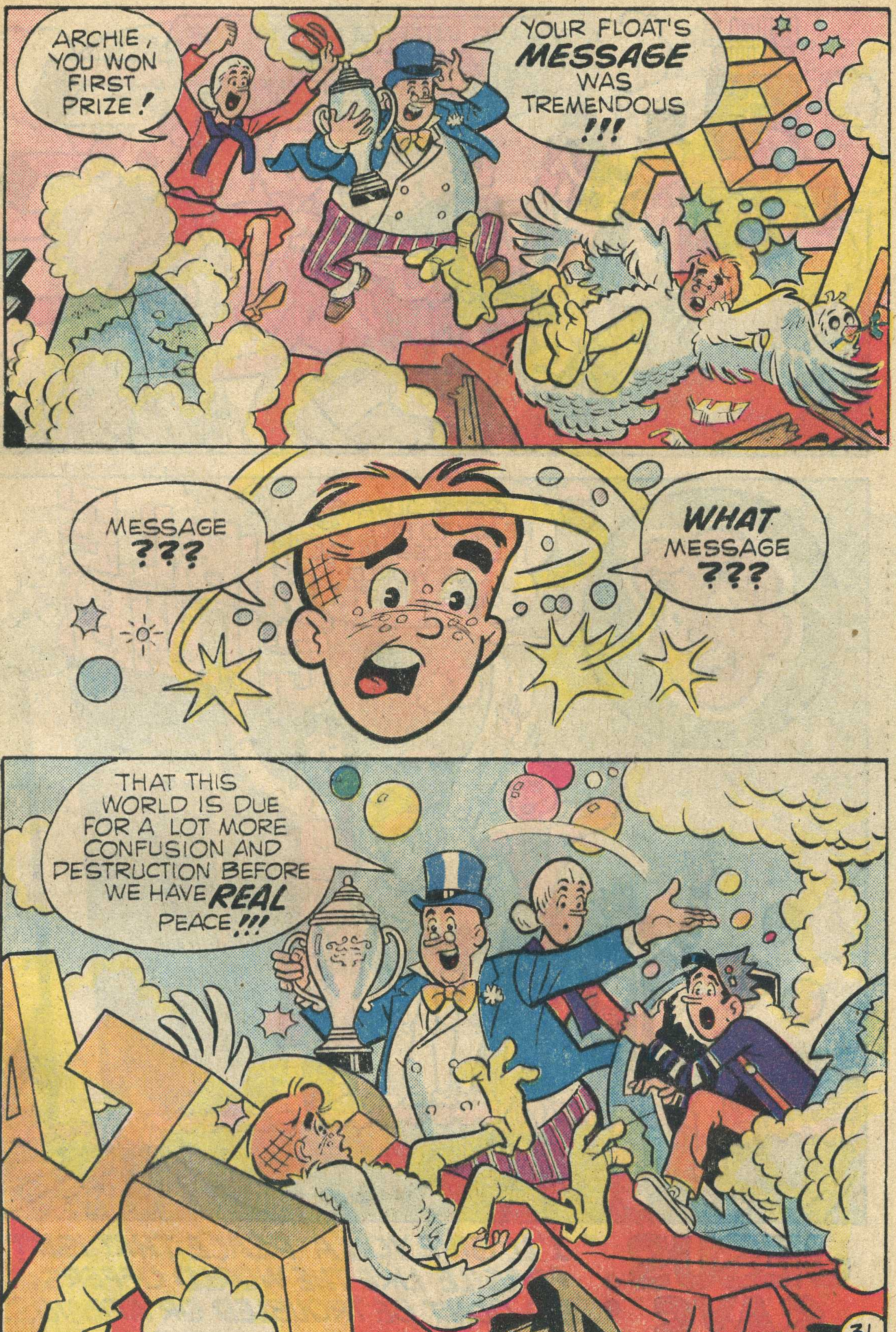

Archie
in PEACE BY PIECE!
PEACE
OKAY, ARCH--- TAKE YOUR PLACE ON THE FLOAT!!!
I FEEL SILLY!!!
HURRY! THE PARADE IS STARTING!!!
OH, OKAY!!!
26


YOU MAKE A PERFECT PEACE DOVE, ARCHIE!
HELP ME UP ON THE FLOAT, JUG!
WHY DON'T YOU FLY UP?
HYUCK! HYUCK!
THIS ISN'T FUNNY ???
I THINK WE'RE HEADED FOR TROUBLE !!!
I HOPE I CAN STEER THIS THING !!!


ARCHIE!
YOUR CAR IS SHAKING THE WHOLE FLOAT !!!
PEACE
AND THE ENGINE'S SMOKING !!!
JUG, MY CAR IS ALWAYS SHAKING AND SMOKING !!!
NOW, JUDGES---
---WE'LL AWARD PRIZES ON THE BASIS OF ORIGINALITY AND THEME!
JUDGES STAN


LOOK AT ARCHIE'S FLOAT!
IT'S ANIMATED !!!
HOW DID HE CREATE SUCH CLEVER MOTION ???
!?
ARCH--- IT'S GETTING HOT IN HERE!
IT'S HOT OUT HERE, TOO!
PEACE
29


ZOOOOOOOM!
FSSSHHHT!
THEY'RE USING **FIREWORKS** NOW!
PEACE
BAM
POW
BOOM!



ARCHIE, YOU WON FIRST PRIZE!
YOUR FLOAT'S MESSAGE WAS TREMENDOUS !!!
MESSAGE ???
WHAT MESSAGE ???
THAT THIS WORLD IS DUE FOR A LOT MORE CONFUSION AND DESTRUCTION BEFORE WE HAVE REAL PEACE!!!
31



JESUS SAYS: *"I'LL GIVE YOU A PEACE THAT ISN'T FRAGILE LIKE THE WORLD OFFERS. SO DON'T BE TROUBLED OR AFRAID."*

SEE JOHN 14:27



SPIRE COMICS
SPIRE
SPIRE
TOM
ANDRY
AND THE
LLAS COWBOYS
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YES, YOU COULD, NICKY!
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CROSSFIRE
I'VE GOT TO SAVE THOSE HOSTAGES!!!
Hans
THE GIRL WHO LOVED THE SWAS
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